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**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
WASHINGTON, DC 20423**

FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Docket No. AB 1266 (Sub-No. 1X)

**Canonie Atlantic Co. – Abandonment Exemption –
in Norfolk, Va.**

ABANDONMENT TYPE

The time for comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment (Draft EA) has expired in this:

() Notice of Exemption (X) Petition for Exemption () Regulated Abandonment

() **NO NEW COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED**

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In this proceeding, Canonie Atlantic Co. (CAC) filed a petition under 49 U.S.C. § 10502 seeking exemption from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 10903 in connection with the abandonment of a line of railroad in Norfolk, Virginia. The rail line proposed for abandonment extends approximately 1.4 miles from milepost 100.7 at North Junction to milepost 102.1 at St. Julian (the Line). The Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) served a Draft EA for this proceeding on February 5, 2021 for public review and comment. In the Draft EA, OEA recommended one environmental condition and concluded that the proposed action would not significantly impact the quality of the human environment.

Comments on the Draft EA

OEA received one comment after issuance of the Draft EA. The Virginia Department of Historic Resources (State Historic Preservation Office or SHPO) has indicated that, based upon the information provided to them, it is their opinion that no historic properties listed in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places (National Register) would be affected within the right-of-way (the Area of Potential Effect, or APE) of the proposed abandonment.

Pursuant to the Section 106 regulations of the National Historic Preservation Act at 36 C.F.R. § 800.4(d)(1), and following consultation with the SHPO and the public, OEA has determined that the proposed abandonment would not affect historic properties listed in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register. The documentation for this finding, as specified at 36 C.F.R. § 800.11(d), consists of the railroad's historic report, all relevant correspondence, the Draft EA, and this Final EA, which have been provided to the SHPO and made available to the public through posting on the Board's website at <https://prod.stb.gov>. Accordingly, OEA recommends that the Section 106 condition that was previously recommended in the Draft EA not be imposed in any Board decision.

Conclusions

The Draft EA comment period has ended and no conditions are recommended by OEA. Accordingly, OEA believes that the proposed action will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

By the Board, Danielle Gosselin, Acting Director, Office of Environmental Analysis.